

FISCAL NOTE
SB 117 – HB 328

February 6, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires at least one English language learner (ELL) teacher to be funded through the BEP for any local education agency (LEA) with one or more ELL students.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,900,000
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* – Exceeds \$550,000

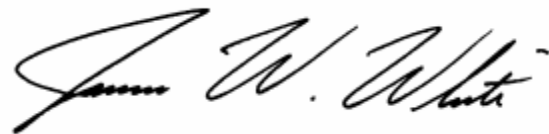
Assumptions:

- The BEP funding formula currently generates one ELL teacher for every 45 ELL students. Some LEAs that do not meet the teacher-to-pupil ratio receive one-half of an ELL teacher position.
- Every LEA with at least one ELL student will receive funding for at least one ELL teacher.
- Every LEA currently receiving BEP funding for one-half position will be rounded up to the next whole number position.
- There are currently 593 positions generated through the BEP funding formula for ELL students. Under the bill, an additional 55 positions will be generated through the BEP; 30 of these positions will be generated for systems with at least one ELL student but having no ELL teacher position.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director